

IDAHO BOARD OF MORTICIANS
Bureau of Occupational Licenses
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Conference Call Minutes of 12/4/2019

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Craig L Geary - Chair
James R. Sommer
Steve Gordon

BUREAU STAFF: Kelley Packer, Bureau Chief
Nicholas Crema, General Counsel
Rob McQuade, Legal Counsel
Dicsie Gullick, Board Specialist

The meeting was called to order at 3:32 PM MST by Craig L Geary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Gordon made a motion to approve the minutes of July 9, 2019, July 31, 2019, August 15, 2019 and October 9, 2019. It was seconded by Mr. Geary. Motion carried.

Mr. Sommer joined the meeting.

PROPOSED LAWS AND RULES

Mr. McQuade updated the Board on the proposed law changes. The Bureau reached out to Ken Mallea from the Idaho Funeral Directors Association and discussed the proposed changes. There was some resistance to the education changes, but the Board feels that the changes are in line with the Licensing Freedom Act.

OLD BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING was scheduled for January 7, 2020 at 9:00 AM MST.

TO DO LIST

The Board reviewed the To Do List and no action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS

CONFERENCE UPDATES AND ATTENDANCE

The Board discussed attendance at the International Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards' (The Conference) annual meeting in February. Mr. Gordon made a motion to authorize expenditures, including a rental car if needed, for Mr. Sommer and Ms. Gullick to attend and allow the Board chair to authorize an alternative if needed. It was seconded by Mr. Sommer. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed correspondence from the Committee on Accreditation (COA) regarding updates for accreditation. No action was taken.

The Board reviewed correspondence from The Conference regarding testing accommodations. No action was taken.

The Board reviewed correspondence from The Conference regarding Heritage Cremation Provider operating under the name "Families First Funeral Home and Funeral Services," "Legacy Funeral Services" and "The Funeral Group." No action was taken.

The Board reviewed correspondence from Ms. Sieber regarding rules for alkaline hydrolysis. Mr. Gordon made a motion to direct the Bureau to respond to the email letting her know that the Board is open to suggested language for the 2021 Legislative session. It was seconded by Mr. Sommer. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed correspondence from Mr. Liddle with the State of Oregon regarding the removal of dead human bodies across state lines. Mr. Gordon made a motion to direct Mr. Krema to write a response regarding Idaho's laws and rules asking for clarification for review by the Board chair. It was seconded by Mr. Sommer. Motion carried.

APPLICATIONS

Mr. Gordon made a motion to approve the following pending inspection:

901158216

It was seconded by Mr. Sommer. Motion carried.

Mr. Gordon made a motion to approve the following pending examination:

901160976

It was seconded by Mr. Sommer. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Sommer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:23 PM MST. It was seconded by Mr. Gordon. Motion carried.

Craig L Geary, Chair

James R. Sommer

Steve Gordon

Kelley Packer, Bureau Chief